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BRUSSELS FOR USEC/MARTIN; PARIS FOR HELMAN; ROME FOR FODAG

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SUBJ: STATUS MALI GRAIN NEED

REF: A. STATE 010970; B. STATE 020250

1. REGRET DELAY RESPONSE REFTELS.

2. GOM ESTIMATES GRAIN IMPORT NEED CY 74 TO BE 250,000 MT. ROUGHLY SAME TONNAGE AS LAST YEAR. WHILE EMBASSY THINKS GOM FIGURE TO BE SOMEWHAT INFLATED, IT IS CLOSE ENOUGH TO REALITY TO BE ACCEPTED AS A WORKING ESTIMATE. GOM PLANS TO PURCHASE 70,000 MT OF THE 250,000 MT. DONOR STATES/ ORGANIZATIONS ASKED TO SUPPLY BALANCE OF 180,000 MT. BREAK-DOWN DONOR RESPONSE FOLLOWS:
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EEC 20,000 MT

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FRANCE 15,000 MT
FRG 10,000 MT
N. KOREA 1,000 MT
UK 10,000 MT
USAID 45,000 MT
USSR 10,000 MT
WFP 6,000 MT
TOTAL 117,000 MT

FRANCE MAY PROVIDE ANOTHER 5,000 MT RAISING THE TOTAL TO 122,000 MT. EXPECT THAT OTHER DONORS WILL CONTRIBUTE- THE LARGEST IS THE PRC WHICH GAVE 10,000 MT AND SOLD 25,000 MT LAST YEAR TO MALI. THEREFORE BELIEVE IT LIKELY OTHER DONOR PLEDGES MAY INCREASE TOTAL DONOR CONTRIBUTION TO AROUND 140,000 MT.

3. WHILE PROBABLY DONOR EFFORT OF 140,000 MT STILL LEAVES SHORTFALL OF 40,000 MT OF GOM REQUEST, IT IS ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO 1973 DONOR EFFORT WHICH ITSELF FELL SHORT OF GOM DEMANDS. HOWEVER 1973 DONOR EFFORT WAS SUFFICIENT TO FULFILL MINIMAL MALI GRAIN NEEDS. BELIEVE 140,000 MT THAT WILL PROBABLY BE COMITTED THIS YEAR ALSO WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO SATISFY ESSENTIAL NEEDS.

4. HOWEVER ADDITIONAL ALLOTMENT US GRAIN WOULD GIVE MALI SMALL RESERVE TO MEET EXTRAORDINARY SITUATIONS OR MISCALCULATIONS. GOM AND REGIONAL OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED GENIUINE CONCERN ABOUT GRAIN SITUATION BECAUSE OF LACK OF GRAIN RESERVES IN COUNTRYSIDE EVEN IN GRAIN SURPLUS REGIONS. ALSO, THE U.S. HAS RECEIVED A GREAT DEAL OF FAVORABLE PUBLICITY HERE FROM THE ADDITIONAL 100,000 MT GRAIN ALLOCATION FOR THE SAHEL AS WELL AS FROM PREVIOUS 45,000 PLEDGE TO MALI. THINK - US RISKING UNFAVORABLE GOM BACKLASH BY NOT GIVING MALI SOME OF THE ADDITIONAL GRAIN (100,000 ALLOTMENT WAS FRONT PAGE HEADLINE ARTICLE IN GOVERNMENT DAILY L'ESSOR).

5. RECOMMENDATION - REQUEST 20,000 MT FROM ADDITIONAL GRAIN ALLOCATION UNLESS GRAIN NEEDED OTHER SAHEL STATES
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PREVENT SEVERE MALNUTRITION/STARVATION. IF THIS IS CASE, STILL REQUEST AT LEAST 10,000 MT TO MAINTAIN FAVORABLE POSITION US NOW ENJOYS WITH MALI RE DROUGHT RELIEF.
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